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From Tuesday, January 20th, 2004 NBC NEWS live coverage of President George W. Bush's annual State of the Union Address inside the United States Capital Building in Washington D.C.

Also in this video is the Democratic response by Senator Tom Daschle and Congress woman Nancy Pelosi.

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union address live from washington george w bush delivers his annual report on america to congress and the country tonight you will hear the president's speech and the democratic leadership's response also we'll take an in-depth look at the candidate bush and the field of democratic contenders as we look ahead to the issues and the personalities of decision 2004 from washington d.c the state of the union address here now tom brokaw good evening from the nation's capital president george w bush speaks to congress tonight and the nation on the state of the union a report required by the constitution under article 2 for a sitting president who wants to be re-elected this is a matchless opportunity to get his campaign started on his terms with a national television audience across the networks and this is the scene tonight in the house chamber where security is exceptionally tight mr speaker the president's cabinet members of the cabinet coming in now there will be one missing member the reason there is one missing member secretary of state colin powell if something catastrophic happens in the house chamber there would be someone to organize the government and we're told tonight is the president's good friend don evans secretary of commerce who has a who is at an undisclosed location as his fellow cabinet members sit in the chamber and offer their support for the president united states no need to introduce don rumsfeld one of the best-known members of this cabinet or any cabinet in recent memory john ashcroft the attorney general coming in right behind him the keeper of the patriot act [Applause] secretary of the interior members of the u.s supreme court will be there as well members of the united states senate and house and of course a big big buzz in that chamber tonight

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a big big buzz in that chamber tonight is the political theater of the last 24 hours with a stunning upset last night in iowa john kerry going from almost worst to first in iowa and very short order followed closely by another sitting united states senator john edwards there in new hampshire tonight not here as they continue their campaign the democratic presidential nomination i said just a few moments ago that i don't remember a time when the united states capital was so tightly secured as it is now not just for this occasion but obviously during the orange award as well there are guards everywhere new procedures for getting in and out of the building iron gates in the parking lots tom ridge the director of homeland security and beneath every chair in the house chamber is this foil package that contains a hood in case there is a chemical or biological attack we don't know whether the seats in the house gallery also have these but that is just symptomatic of what is going on in washington dc up in the uh gallery in the visitors gallery tonight of course we'll see mrs bush george rumsfeld is the secretary of the defense secretary and we'll have some special guests tonight including the patriots quarterback tom brady who we're told has a sports camp now he happens to be from

massachusetts the home state of john kerry which now has a republican governor i'm joined by tim russert our washington bureau chief and moderator of meet the press tim the political operation of the white house leaves nothing to chance and seizes every opportunity absolutely not tom within the 12 hours of john kerry winning the iowa caucuses the real hero of boston tom brady the quarterback sitting by the president's designation watching the state of union speech you'll also hear in the president's speech he talks about the whole issue of gay marriages referring to court decisions a massachusetts court

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court decisions a massachusetts court decision about same-sex marriage this is a political speech as well as a substantive policy speech it's a blueprint for the 2004 re-election campaign of george w bush it's also worth pointing out that while article 2 requires the president to make a report from time to time on the state of the union a speech is not required and there is no set scheduling it is not my coincidence that this speech has been scheduled mrs bush there that this speech has been scheduled obviously uh 24 hours after the iowa caucuses whatever that can do on behalf of this republican president to keep his message in front of the american people that was not coincidental we're looking now for the members of the looking for joyce rumsfeld first of all karen hughes is sitting in the back row there actually david gregory is available as well president tonight's going to talk about three big themes national security the economy and values david including as tim just mentioned gay marriages it's an important attempt tom to reach out to various constituencies this is a president who has a lot of support among his conservative base but he also wants to reach out to moderates to even democrats swing voters but social policy is important it's a time on the issue of same-sex marriage which is going to be a big issue in this campaign to make a make it very clear to conservatives that he stands by them on this i mean they'll be thinking a lot about as the campaign intensifies all right thanks very much nbc david gregory president was there early he was in the holding room well before the speech was scheduled to begin that's a direct contrast of course to bill clinton his predecessor who was always running late and was working on his speech in the limousine during one memorable visit to capitol hill for the state of the union and then there was that time when they rolled the wrong speech in the

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when they rolled the wrong speech in the teleprompter in george stephanopoulos then working for him had to go down and get the right one loaded in when we go back to the gallery again as we will look for tom brady who is just two seats behind mrs bush in the same row he is in row three a number of military people from iraq some of them home on leave are there tonight as well the reverend helen fleming from the faith-based community uh sister carol kean from the religious community mr speaker the president of the united [Applause] states good delivery oh they congrats the leadership right behind him that's bill chris who is his senate majority leader and behind him is senator tom daschle of south dakota with nancy pelosi who is the democratic leader in the house will be responding for the democrats tonight president's speech is about five thousand words his expected run with applause about an hour the democrats will have about 12 minutes and we'll be talking as well tonight to john kerry from massachusetts also newt gingrich will be joining us tonight we'll be talking to him about the spending that is going on in the congress just today the wall street journal very tough editorial against this republican-dominated body for all the discretionary spending that is going on

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going on [Applause] pretty tough for a president even to say to his own party you've got to stop that in an election year so we'll see how he finesses that tonight [Applause] a long long tradition of politicians whatever the occasions the last uh two states of the union of of course national security has been a primary issue you'll remember that memorable speech after the attacks of 9 11 and then last year the controversial 16 words that got so much attention about whether iraq was trying to get uranium from niger nbc chief diplomatic correspondent andrea mitchell is watching all this as well andrea the president will talk tonight about weapons of mass destruction and that probably will prove to be controversial because there remains a

pretty substantial gap between what the administration is claiming and what has been found so far indeed he's going to speak about weapons related program activities not weapons themselves last year as you recall in addition to the uranium from niger he also claimed that there was botulinum toxin and anthrax that millions of people could be killed so they backed off quite a bit but still not entirely tom thanks andrew president uh backed by two members of his party uh vice president cheney and dennis castro cheney was a football player hastert was a wrestling coach and their physiques and the appetites of politicians reflect that red tie knight

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[Applause] the latest poll in the hometown newspaper the washington post as we look at condoleezza rice today shows this is still a very evenly divided country when it comes to domestic issues and in a mythical matchup for next fall it shows the country's pretty well divided on that as well i have the high privilege and the distinct honor of presenting to you the president of the united states ted kennedy who is just back from iowa where he helped his friend and fellow massachusetts senator john kerry to a first place finish a very outspoken and sharp critic of the president's iraq policies at one point saying the war was drummed up down in texas to help the president's special interest friends mr speaker mr speaker vice president cheney members of congress distinguished guests and fellow citizens america this evening is a nation called to great responsibilities and we are rising to meet them as we gather tonight hundreds of thousands of american service men and women are deployed across the world in the war on terror by bringing hope to the oppressed and delivering justice to the violent they are making america more secure

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[Applause] each day law enforcement personnel and intelligence officers are tracking terrorist threats analysts are examining airline passenger lists the men and women of our new homeland security department are patrolling our coasts and borders and their vigilance is protecting america americans are proving once again to be the hardest working people in the world the american economy is growing stronger the tax relief you passed is working tonight members of congress can take pride in the great works of compassion and reform that skeptics had thought impossible you're raising the standards for our public schools and you're giving our senior citizens prescription drug coverage under medicare we have faced serious challenges together and now we face a choice we can go forward with confidence and resolve or we can turn back to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat to us

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and outlaw regimes are no threat to us we can press on with economic growth and reforms in education and medicare or we can turn back to old policies and old divisions we've not come all this way through tragedy and trial and war only to falter and leave our work unfinished americans are rising to the tasks of history and they expect the same from us in their efforts their enterprise and their character the american people are showing that the state of our union is confident and strong our greatest responsibility is the active defense of the american people 28 months have passed since september the 11th 2001. over two years without an attack on american soil and it is tempting to believe that the danger is behind us that hope is understandable comforting and false the killing has continued in bali jakarta casablanca riyadh embassa jerusalem istanbul and baghdad the terrorists continue to plot against america and the civilized world and by our will and courage this danger will be defeated

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inside the united states where the war began we must continue to give our homeland security and law enforcement personnel every tool they need to defend us and one of those essential tools is the patriot act which allows federal law enforcement to better share information to track terrorists to disrupt their cells and to seize their assets for years we have used similar provisions to catch embezzlers and drug traffickers if these methods are good for hunting criminals they are even more important for hunting terrorists key provisions of

the patriot act are set to expire next year the terrorist threat the terrorist threat will not expire on that schedule our law enforcement needs this vital legislation to protect our citizens you need to renew the patriot act america is on the offensive against the terrorists who started this war last march khalid sheikh mohammed a mastermind of september the 11th awoke

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a mastermind of september the 11th awoke to find himself in the custody of u.s and pakistani authorities last august the 11th brought the capture of the terrorist hambali who was a key player in the attack in indonesia that killed over 200 people we're tracking al qaeda around the world and nearly two-thirds of their known leaders have now been captured or killed thousands of very skilled and determined military personnel are on the manhunt going after the remaining killers who hide in cities and caves and one by one we will bring these terrorists to justice as part of the offensive against terror we are also confronting the regimes that harbor and support terrorists and could supply them with nuclear chemical or biological weapons the united states and our allies are determined we refuse to live in the shadow of this ultimate danger [Applause] the first to see our determination were the taliban who made afghanistan the primary training base of al-qaeda killers as of this month that country has a new constitution guaranteeing free elections and full participation by women businesses are open health care centers are being established and the boys and girls of afghanistan are back in school with the help from the new afghan army our coalition is leading aggressive raids against the surviving members of the taliban and al qaeda the men and women of afghanistan are building a nation that is free

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building a nation that is free and proud and fighting terror and america is honored to be their friend since we last met in this chamber combat forces of the united states great britain australia poland and other countries enforced the demands of the united nations ended the rule of saddam hussein and the people of iraq are free having broken the baptist regime we face a remnant of violent saddam supporters men who ran away from our troops in battle are now dispersed and attacked from the shadows these killers joined by foreign terrorists are a serious continuing danger yet we're making progress against them the once all-powerful ruler of iraq was found in a hole and now sits in a prison cell of the top 55 officials of the former regime we have captured or killed 45. our forces are on the offensive leading over 1600 patrols a day and conducting an average of 180 raids a

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and conducting an average of 180 raids a week we are dealing with these thugs in iraq just as surely as we dealt with saddam hussein's evil regime the work of building a new iraq is hard and it is right and america has always been willing to do what it takes for what is right last january iraq's only law was the whim of one brutal man today our coalition is working with the iraqi governing council to draft a basic law with a bill of rights we're working with iraqis in the united nations to prepare for a transition to full iraqi sovereignty by the end of june as democracy takes hold in iraq the enemies of freedom will do all in their power to spread violence and fear they are trying to shake the will of our country and our friends but the united states of america will never be intimidated by thugs and [Music] assassins the killers will fail and the iraqi people will live in freedom [Applause] month by month iraqis are assuming more responsibility for their own security and their own future and tonight we are honored to welcome one of iraq's most respected leaders the current president of the iraqi governing council anand pachachi sir america stands with

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anand pachachi sir america stands with you and the iraqi people as you build a free and peaceful nation because of american leadership and resolve the world is changing for the better last month the leader of libya voluntarily pledged to disclose and dismantle all of his regime's weapons of mass destruction programs including a uranium enrichment project for nuclear weapons colonel gaddafi correctly judged that his country

would be better off and far more secure without weapons of mass murder nine months of intense negotiations involving the united states and great britain succeeded with libya while 12 years of diplomacy with iraq did not and one reason is clear for diplomacy to be effective words must be credible and no one can now doubt the word of america

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different threats require different strategies along with nations in the region we're insisting that north korea eliminate its nuclear program america and the international community are demanding that iran meet its commitments and not develop nuclear weapons america is committed to keeping the world's most dangerous weapons out of the hands of the most dangerous regimes when i came to this rostrum on september the 20th 2001 i brought the police shield of a fallen officer my reminder of lives that ended in a task that does not end i gave to you and all americans my complete commitment to securing our country and defeating our enemies and this pledge given by one has been kept by many you and the congress have provided the resources for our defense and cast the difficult votes of war and peace our closest allies have been unwavering america's intelligence personnel and diplomats have been skilled and tireless and the men and women of the american military they have taken the hardest duty we've seen their skill and their courage and armored charges in midnight raids and lonely hours on faithful watch we have seen the joy when they return and felt the sorrow when one is lost i've had the honor of meeting our service men and women at many posts from the deck of a carrier in the pacific to a mess hall in baghdad many of our troops are listening tonight

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many of our troops are listening tonight and i want you and your families to know america is proud of you and my administration and this congress will give you the resources you need to fight and win the war on terror i know that some people question if america is really in a war at all they view terrorism more as a crime a problem to be solved mainly with law enforcement and indictments after the world trade center was first attacked in 1993 some of the guilty were indicted and tried and convicted and sent to prison but the matter was not settled the terrorists were still training and plotting in other nations and drawing up more ambitious plans after the chaos and carnage of september the 11th it is not enough to serve our enemies with legal papers the terrorists and their supporters declared war on the united states and war is what they got

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some in this chamber in our country did not support the liberation of iraq objections to war often come from principled motives but let us be candid about the consequences of leaving saddam hussein in power we're seeking all the facts already the k report identified dozens of weapons of mass destruction related program activities and significant amounts of equipment that iraq concealed from the united nations had we failed to act the dictators weapons of mass destruction programs would continue to this day had we failed to act security council resolutions on iraq would have been revealed as empty threats weakening the united nations and encouraging defiance by dictators around the world iraq's torture chambers would still be filled with victims terrified and innocent the killing fields of iraq where hundreds of thousands of men and women and children vanished into the sands would still be known only to the killers for all who love freedom and peace the world without saddam hussein's regime is a better and safer place [Applause] some critics have said our duties in iraq must be internationalized this particular criticism is hard to explain to our partners in britain australia japan south korea the philippines

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south korea the philippines thailand italy spain poland denmark hungary bulgaria ukraine romania the netherlands norway el salvador and the 17 other countries that have committed troops to iraq as we debate at home we must never ignore the vital contributions of our international partners or dismiss their sacrifices from the beginning america has sought international support for our operations in afghanistan and iraq and

we have gained much support there is a difference however between leading a coalition of many nations and submitting to the objections of a few america will never seek a permission slip to defend the security of our country we also hear doubts that democracy is a realistic goal for the greater middle east where freedom is rare yet is mistaken and condescending to assume that whole cultures and great religions are incompatible with liberty and self-government i believe that god has planted in every human heart the desire to live in freedom and even

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the desire to live in freedom and even when that desire is crushed by tyranny for decades it will rise again as long as the middle east remains a place of tyranny and despair and anger it will continue to produce men and movements that threaten the safety of america and our friends so america is pursuing a forward strategy of freedom in the greater middle east we will challenge the enemy's reform confront the allies of terror and expect a higher standard from our friend to cut through the barriers of hateful propaganda the voice of america and other broadcast services are expanding their programming in arabic and persian and soon a new television service will begin providing reliable news and information across the region i will send you a proposal to double the budget of the national endowment for democracy and to focus its new work on the development of free elections in free markets free press and free labor unions in the middle east and above all we will finish the historic work of democracy in afghanistan and iraq so those nations can light the way for others and help transform a troubled part of the world america is a nation with a mission and that mission comes from our most basic beliefs we have no desire to dominate no ambitions of empire our aim is a democratic peace a peace founded upon the dignity and rights

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rights of every man and woman america acts on this cause with friends and allies at our side yet we understand our special calling this great republic will lead the cause of freedom [Applause] in the last three years adversity has also revealed the fundamental strengths of the american economy we have come through recession and terrorist attack and corporate scandals and the uncertainties of war and because you acted to stimulate our economy with tax relief this economy is strong and growing stronger you have doubled the child tax credit from 500 to a thousand dollars reduced the marriage penalty begun to phase out the death tax reduce taxes on capital gains and stock dividends cut taxes on small businesses and you have lowered taxes for every american who pays income taxes americans took those dollars and put them to work driving this economy forward the pace of economic growth in the third quarter of 2003 was the fastest in nearly 20 years new home construction the highest in almost 20 years home ownership rates the highest ever manufacturing activity is increasing inflation is low interest rates are low exports are growing productivity is high and jobs are on the [Music]

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rise these numbers confirm that the american people are using their money far better than government would have and you were right to return it america's growing economy is also a changing economy as technology transforms the way almost every job is done america becomes more productive and workers need new skills much of our job growth will be found in high skilled fields like health care and biotechnology so we must respond by helping more americans gain the skills to find good jobs in our new economy all skills begin with the basics of reading and math which are supposed to be learned in the early grades of our schools yet for too long for too many children those skills were never mastered by passing the no child left behind act you have made the expectation of literacy the law of our country we're providing more funding for our schools a 36 percent increase since 2001. we're requiring higher standards we are regularly testing every child on the fundamentals we are reporting results to parents and making sure they have better options when schools are not performing we are making progress toward excellence for every child in [Applause] america

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but the status quo always has defenders some want to undermine the no child left behind act by weakening standards and accountability yet the results we require are really a matter of common sense we expect third graders to read and do math at the third grade level that's not asking too much testing is the only way to identify and help students who are falling behind this nation will not go back to the days of simply shuffling children along from grade to grade without them learning the basics i refuse to give up on any child and the no child left behind act is opening the door of opportunity to all of america's children at the same time we must ensure that older students and adults can gain the skills they need to find work now many of the fastest growing occupations require strong math and science preparation and training beyond the high school level so tonight i propose a series of measured measures called jobs for the 21st century this program will provide extra help to middle and high school students who fall behind in reading and math expand advanced placement programs in low-income schools invite math and science professionals from the private sector to teach part-time in our high schools i propose larger pell grants for students who prepare for college with demanding courses in high school

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i propose increasing our support for america's fine community colleges so they can i do so so they can train workers for industries that are creating the most new jobs by all these actions we'll help more and more americans to join in the growing prosperity of our country job training is important and so is job creation we must continue to pursue an aggressive pro-growth economic agenda congress has some unfinished business on the issue of taxes the tax reductions you passed are set to expire unless you act unless you act unless you act the unfair tax on marriage will go back up unless you act millions of families will be charged three hundred dollars more in federal taxes for every child unless you act small businesses will pay higher taxes unless you act the death tax will eventually come back to life unless you act americans face a tax increase what congress has given the congress should not take away for the sake of job growth the tax cuts you passed should be permanent

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our agenda for jobs and growth must help small business owners and employees with relief from needless federal federal regulation and protect them from junk and frivolous lawsuits consumers and businesses need reliable supplies of energy to make our economy run so i urge you to pass legislation to modernize our electricity system promote conservation and make america less dependent on foreign sources of energy my administration is promoting free and fair trade to open up new markets for america's entrepreneurs and manufacturers and farmers to create jobs for american workers younger workers should have the opportunity to build a nest egg by saving part of their social security taxes in a personal retirement account we should make the social security system a source of ownership for the american people and we should limit and we should limit the burden of government on this economy by acting as good stewards of taxpayers dollars

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and in two weeks i will send you a budget that funds the war protects the homeland and meets important domestic needs while limiting the growth in discretionary spending to less than four percent this will this will require that congress focus on priorities cut wasteful spending and be wise with the people's money by doing so we can cut the deficit in half over the next five years tonight i also ask you to reform our immigration laws so they reflect our values and benefit our economy i propose a new temporary worker program to match willing foreign workers with willing employers when no americans can be found to fill the job this reform will be good for our economy because employers will find needed workers in an honest and orderly system a temporary worker program will help protect our homeland allowing border patrol and law enforcement to focus on true threats to our national security i oppose amnesty because it would encourage further illegal immigration and and unfairly reward those who break our laws my temporary worker program will preserve the citizenship path for those who respect the law while bringing millions of hard-working men and women out from the shadows of american life

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our nation's health care system like our economy is also in a time of change amazing medical technologies are improving and saving lives this dramatic progress has brought its own challenge in the rising cost of medical care and health insurance members of congress we must work together to help control those costs and extend the benefits of modern medicine throughout our country [Applause] meeting these goals requires bipartisan effort and two months ago you showed the way by strengthening medicare and adding a prescription drug benefit you kept a basic commitment to our seniors you are giving them the modern medicine they deserve starting this year under the law you passed seniors can choose to receive a drug discount card saving them 10 to 25 percent off the retail price of most prescription drugs and millions of low-income seniors can get an additional six hundred dollars to buy medicine beginning next year seniors will have new coverage for preventive screenings against diabetes and heart disease and seniors just entering medicare can receive wellness exams in january of 2006 seniors can get prescription drug coverage under medicare for a monthly premium of about 35 most seniors who do not have that coverage today can expect to see their drug bills cut roughly in half

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roughly in half under this reform senior citizens will be able to keep their medicare just as it is or they can choose a medicare plan that fits them best just as you as members of congress can choose an insurance plan that meets your needs and starting this year millions of americans will be able to save money tax-free for their medical expenses in a health savings account i sign this measure proudly and any attempt to limit the choices of our seniors or to take away their prescription drug coverage under medicare will meet my veto on the critical issue of health care our goal is to ensure that americans can choose and afford private health care coverage that best fits their individual needs to make insurance more affordable congress must act to address rapidly rising health care costs small businesses should be able to band together and negotiate for lower insurance rates so they can cover more workers with health insurance i urge you to pass association health plans i ask you to give lower income americans a refundable tax credit that would allow millions to buy their own basic health insurance by computerizing health records we can avoid dangerous medical mistakes reduce costs and improve care to protect the

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costs and improve care to protect the doctor-patient relationship and keep good doctors doing good work we must eliminate wasteful and frivolous medical lawsuits and tonight i propose that individuals who buy catastrophic health care coverage as part of our new health savings accounts be allowed to deduct 100 percent of the premiums from their taxes a government-run health care system is the wrong prescription by keeping costs under control expanding access and helping more americans afford coverage we will preserve the system of private medicine that makes america's health care the best in the world we're living in a time of great change in our world in our economy in science and medicine yet some things endure courage and compassion reverence and integrity respect for differences of faith and race the values we try to live by never change and they are instilled in us by fundamental institutions such as families and schools and religious congregations these institutions these unseen pillars of civilization must remain strong in america and we

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must remain strong in america and we will defend them we must stand with our families to help them raise healthy responsible children when it comes to helping children make right choices there is work for all of us to do one of the worst decisions our children can make is to gamble their lives and futures on drugs our government is helping parents confront this problem with aggressive education treatment and law enforcement drug use in high school has declined by 11 percent over the last two years 400 000 fewer young people are using illegal drugs than in the year 2001. in my budget i propose new funding to continue our aggressive community-based strategy to reduce demand for illegal drugs drug testing in our schools has proven to be an effective part of this effort so tonight i proposed an additional 23 millions for schools that

want to use drug testing as a tool to save children's lives the aim here is not to punish children but to send them this message we love you and we do not want to lose you to help children make right choices they need good examples athletics play such an important role in our society but unfortunately some in professional sports are not setting much of an example the use of performance-enhancing drugs like steroids in baseball football and other sports is dangerous and it sends the wrong message that there are shortcuts to accomplishment and that performance is more important than character

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more important than character so tonight i call on team owners union representatives coaches and players to take the lead to send the right signal to get tough and to get rid of steroids now to encourage right choices we must be willing to confront the dangers young people face even when they're difficult to talk about each year about three million teenagers contract sexually transmitted diseases that can harm them or kill them or prevent them from ever becoming parents in my budget i propose a grassroots campaign to help inform families about these medical risks we will double federal funding for abstinence programs so schools can teach this fact of life abstinence for young people is the only certain way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases decisions children now make can affect their health and character for the rest of their lives all of us parents schools and government must work together to counter the negative influence of the culture and to send the right messages to our children a strong america must also value the institution of marriage i believe we should respect individuals as we take a principled stand for one of the most fundamental enduring institutions of our civilization congress has already taken a stand on this issue

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this issue by passing the defense of marriage act signed in 1996 by president clinton that statue protects marriage under federal law as a union of a man and a woman and declares that one state may not redefine marriage for other states activist judges however have begun redefining marriage by court order without regard for the will of the people and their elected representatives on an issue of such great consequence the people's voice must be heard if judges insist on forcing their arbitrary will upon the people the only alternative left to the people would be the constitutional process our nation must offend the sanctity of marriage the outcome of this debate is important and so is the way we conduct it the same moral tradition that defines marriage also teaches that each individual has dignity and value in god's sight it's also important to strengthen our communities by unleashing the compassion of america's religious institutions religious charities of every creed are doing some of the most vital work in our country mentoring children feeding the hungry taking the hand of the lonely yet government has often denied social service grants and contracts to these groups just because they have a cross or star

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just because they have a cross or star david or a crescent on the wall by executive order i've opened billions of dollars in grant money to competition that includes faith-based charities tonight i ask you to codify this into law so people of faith can know that the law will never discriminate against them against them again in the past we've worked together to bring mentors to children of prisoners and provide treatment for the addicted and help for the homeless tonight i ask you to consider another group of americans in need of help this year some 600 000 inmates will be released from prison back into society we know from long experience that if they can't find work or a home or help they are much more likely to commit crime and return to prison so tonight i propose a four-year 300 million dollar prisoner re-entry initiative to expand job training and placement services to provide transitional housing and to help newly released prisoners get mentoring including from faith-based groups america is the land of second chance and when the gates of the prison open the path ahead should lead to a better life for all americans the last three years have brought tests we did not ask for an achievement shared by all by our actions we have shown what kind of nation we are in grief

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what kind of nation we are in grief we have found the grace to go on and challenged we rediscovered the courage and daring of a free people in victory we have shown the noble aims and good heart of america and having come this far we sense that we live in a time set apart i've been witness to the character of the people of america who've shown calm in times of danger compassion for one another and toughness for the long haul all of us have been partners in a great enterprise and even some of the youngest understand that we are living in historic times last month a girl in lincoln rhode island sent me a letter it began dear george w bush if there's anything you know i ashley pearson age 2 age 10 can do to help anyone please send me a letter and tell me what i can do to save our country she added this ps if you can send a letter to the troops please put ashley pearson believes in you tonight ashley your message to our troops has just been conveyed and yes you have some duties yourself study hard in school listen to your mom or dad help someone in need and when you and your friends see a man or woman in uniform say thank you [Applause]

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so and ashley while you do your part all of us here in this great chamber will do our best to keep you and the rest of america safe and free my my fellow citizens we now move forward with confidence and faith our nation is strong and steadfast the cause we serve is right because it is the cause of all mankind the momentum of freedom in our world is unmistakable and it is not carried forward by our power alone we can trust in that greater power who guides the unfolding of the years and in all that is to come we can know that his purposes are just and true may god continue to bless america president george w bush his report on the state of the union to the congress house of representatives and u.s senate special guests in the balcony and of course to a nationally televised audience it ran just under an hour and there was a great deal more pose and poetry in this election year state of the union speech it was a kind of bill of sale outlining what the president wants to continue to do at the center of his administration as he believes it of course is the war on terror as he said at one point terrorists declared war on us and war is what they got he also reinforced his conservative base

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he also reinforced his conservative base talking about the need to extend the patriot act to make permanent the tax cuts while making choices for individuals with social security and the defense of marriage act which he put out very clearly that if judges continue to undermine it and states [Applause] allow homosexual marriages he'll back a constitutional amendment as for the united nations he said we don't need a permission slip to defend america's interests but at the same time this administration is going before the u.n in an attempt to get help with the iraqi elections i'm joined now by nbc tim russert tom it's so striking to me that the same issues i heard tonight that you talked about iraq tax cut immigration patriot act are exactly the same issues i heard in iowa from the democrats with a totally different perspective and a different philosophy we're gonna get a chance to talk about that now because we're gonna go to new hampshire the man who was trying from last night in iowa joins us now he's at the home of bob and chris chason members of the international firefighters association and that's massachusetts senator john kerry senator we couldn't help but notice when the president was talking about what the united states has done for the people of iraq your fellow massachusetts senator and your help mate on the campaign trail senator edward kennedy was plainly expressing his disagreement with all that did you agree with the president's characterization of what the united states has done for the people of iraq no i think that uh there's a great deal of wishing in the president's comments tonight all of us obviously join in celebrating the accomplishments of our troops and we support the troops tom but i think that the war in iraq that the president described is very different in its presentation from what's really there the numbers of troops the size of the coalition the quality of the coalition it's just not real and americans know that more importantly i think tonight the president really avoided what's on the minds of the

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avoided what's on the minds of the people i've been meeting and he gave in to the major powerful interests

of the country big oil big drug companies big hmos his health care plan does not do the job for americans it doesn't provide health care and his approach to national security i mean bob chason is a firefighter he was just sitting here talking to me about how they are down in the numbers of firefighters that they need to have all across the country homeland security has not been properly funded so there's a great gap this is a sort of say one thing do another thing speech which is just like the say one thing do another thing administration but you've learned in just the past few months how quickly uh the tide can turn the american economy now is in a recovery democrats are not talking about it in the same way that they were just four months ago if we continue to get the strong indicators that we have seen by mid-summer is it going to be more difficult for democrats to make the economic case against this person uh tom first of all this is not a recovery for the working american this is a wall street bush league recovery you know 250 000 jobs was the target for last month they created a thousand jobs they only fell 249 000 jobs short and the fact is that the average american while ceo pay is up and wall street profits are up the average american only earned three cents on the hour more workers are hurting all across america they can't afford health care there's nothing in the president's plan to make health care affordable they can't afford tuitions there's nothing in the president's plan to make tuitions affordable i think there's just two different worlds here the world the president talks about and the world that americans are living and i think that's what we're going to see unfold over the course of these next months as the president continues to make his

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as the president continues to make his way out of the chamber senator kerry i was remiss and not congratulating you on your victory last night i want to just show you what the dividend is in the state of new hampshire where you are now this is the latest tracking poll that we have from the zogby organization an address will be given as we've noted tonight by the two party floor leaders in congress senator dom taschel i'm tom daschle of south dakota the democratic leader in the united states senate i'm nancy pelosi of california the democratic leader in the house of representatives the state of our union is indeed strong due to the spirit of the american people the creativity optimism hard work and faith of everyday americans the state of the union address should offer a vision that unites us as a people and priorities that move us toward the best america for inspiration we look to our brave young men and women in uniform especially those in iraq and afghanistan their noble service reminds us of our mission as a nation to build a future worthy of their sacrifice tonight from the perspective of 10 years of experience on the intelligence committee working on national security issues i expressed the democrats unbending determination to make the world safer for america for our people our interest and our ideals democrats have an unwavering commitment to ensure that america's armed forces remain the best trained best-led best-equipped force for peace the world has ever known never before have we been more powerful militarily but even the most powerful nation in the history of the world must bring other nations to our side to meet common dangers the president's policies do not reflect that he has pursued a go it alone foreign policy that leaves us isolated abroad and that steals resources we need for

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and that steals resources we need for education and health care here at home the president led us into the iraq war on the basis of unproven assertions without evidence he embraced a radical doctrine of preemptive war unprecedented in our history and he failed to build a true international coalition therefore american taxpayers are bearing almost all the cost a colossal 120 billion dollars and rising more importantly american troops are enduring almost all the casualties tragically 500 killed and thousands more wounded as a nation we must show our greatness not just our strength america must be a light to the world not just a missile 43 years ago today as a college student standing in the freezing cold outside this capitol building i heard president kennedy issue this challenge in his inaugural address my fellow citizens of the world he said ask not what america will do for you but what working together we can do for the freedom of man there is great wisdom in that but in it there is also greater strength for our country and the cause of a safer world instead of alienating our allies let us work with them and international institutions so that together we can prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and keep them out of the hands of terrorists instead of billions

of dollars in no bid contracts for politically connected firms like halliburton and an insistence on american dominance in iraq let us share the burden and responsibility with others so that together we can end the sense of american occupation and bring troops home safely when their mission is completed instead of the diplomatic

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is completed instead of the diplomatic disengagement that almost destroyed the middle east peace process and aggravated the danger posed by north korea let us seek to forge agreements in coalitions so that together with others we can address challenges before they threaten the security of the world we must remain focused on the greatest threat to the security of the united states the clear and present danger of terrorism we know what we must do to protect america but this administration is failing to meet the challenge democrats have a better way to ensure our homeland security one hundred percent of containers coming into our ports or airports must be inspected today only three percent are inspected one hundred percent of chemical and nuclear plants in the united states must have high levels of security today the bush administration has tolerated a much lower standard 100 communication in real time is needed for our police officers firefighters and all of our first responders to prevent or respond to a terrorist attack today the technology is there but the resources are not one hundred percent of the enriched uranium and other material for weapons of mass destruction must be secured today the administration has refused to commit the resources necessary to prevent it from falling into the hands of terrorists america will be far safer if we reduce the chance of terrorist attack in one of our cities than if we diminish the civil liberties of our people as a nation we must do better to keep faith with our armed forces their families and our veterans our men and women in uniform show their valor every day on the battlefield our troops pledge to leave no soldier behind here at home we must leave no veteran behind we must

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we must leave no veteran behind we must ensure their health care their pensions and their survivor benefits the year ahead offers great opportunity for progress and perhaps new peril still hidden in the shadows of an uncertain world but you the american people have shown again and again that you are equal to any test now your example summons all of us in government republicans and democrats to a higher standard this is personal for all of us in every community across this land as a mother of five and now as a grandmother of five i came into government to help to make the future brighter for all of america's children as a as much as at any time in my memory the future of our country and our children is at stake democrats are committed to strengthening the state of our union to reach for a safer more prosperous america together let us make america work for all americans let us restore our rightful role of leadership in the world working with others for the freedom of man i'm now proud to introduce my colleague the outstanding senate democratic leader tom daschle thank you leader pelosi let there be no doubt the state of the our union is strong stronger than the terrorists who seek harm to harm us and stronger than the challenges that confront us at the same time we know that our union can be stronger still the president spoke of great goals and america should never hesitate to push the boundaries of exploration but neither should we shrink from the great goal of creating a more perfect union here at home in his speech the president asked us to double the budget of the national endowment for democracy he asked us to make permanent the tax cuts already passed

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cuts already passed and he asked us to use social security money to pay for it for the last couple of weeks i've been traveling through my home state of south dakota visiting the people in small towns that are america's backbone the folks i met are good people they're happy to help others around the world but they're asking something too what about us when do our priorities become america's priorities rather than a society that restricts its rewards to a privileged few we need an opportunity society that allows all americans to succeed our opportunity society has this foundation good jobs a solid education and quality health care that is affordable and available we believe that we have to honor the promises we've made to the millions of

families who worked hard played by the rules and have earned a retirement of dignity our first challenge is to strengthen the economy the right way the true test of america's economic recovery is not measured simply in quarterly profit reports it's measured in jobs the massive tax cuts that were supposed to spark an economic have instead led to an economic exodus to make up for the three million private sector jobs that have been lost on the president's watch the economy would have to create 226 000 jobs a month through the end of his term last month the economy created only a thousand new jobs that's not good enough america can't afford to keep rewarding the accumulation of wealth over the dignity of work instead of borrowing even more money to give more tax breaks to companies so that they can export even more jobs

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so that they can export even more jobs we propose tax cuts and policies that will strengthen our manufacturing sector and create good jobs at good wages here at home we can also show our patriotism while strengthening agriculture in rural america by labeling all food products with their country of origin education is the second key to our opportunity society two years ago the president signed a new education law the heart of that law was a promise the federal government would set high standards for every student and hold schools responsible for the results in exchange schools would receive the resources to meet the new standards america's schools are holding up their end of the bargain the president has not held up his millions of children are being denied the better teachers smaller classes and extra help that they were promised at the same time the president's tax cuts have put states in such a bind they're being forced to raise the cost of college since president bush took office the average tuition at a four-year public college has increased nearly six hundred dollars the america that our parents gave us was a place in which everyone had a chance to go to a good school and then to college community college or vocational school regardless of family income our children deserve nothing less third our opportunity society is built on the belief that affordable available health care is not a luxury but a basic foundation for a truly compassionate society today 43.6 million americans almost all of them from working families have no health insurance that's over 3.8 million more than when president bush took office

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president bush took office those americans lucky enough to have health insurance have seen their premiums go up each of the last three years the increase in premiums that middle-income families have seen over the past three years is actually larger than the four-year tax cut that they've been promised this is an invisible tax increase on middle-class families tonight three years into his administration the president acknowledged that the rapidly rising cost of health care and the increasing number of americans with no health coverage are problems but the tax cuts he proposed are not a solution tax cuts will do little to make health care more affordable or reduce the number of people without insurance and they will weaken health coverage for those who have it now when i was driving around south dakota this summer i met a nurse in sioux falls who has cancer she told me she couldn't afford the fifteen hundred dollars a month her drugs cost she told me that she was going to die that she was a lost cause but she said we must solve this problem don't turn more people into lost causes we believe that the federal government should use the power of 40 million americans to lower prescription drug prices and to allow us to get more affordable drugs from canada instead of forbidding both drug companies and insurance companies are the only ones that benefit from that restriction not the american people and that's why we want to change it in our vision of an opportunity society promises made to those who have worked a lifetime will be honored in retirement that's why we believe that america's pension system needs to be strengthened and that social security's benefit should be a guarantee not a gamble

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a guarantee not a gamble only when every american who wants to work can when every child goes to a good school and has the opportunity to go further only when health care is available and affordable for every american when a lifetime of work guarantees retirement with dignity and when america is secure at home

and our strength abroad is respected not resented only then will we have a union as strong as the american people thank you for listening good night and god bless america so the two floor leaders in house and senate nancy pelosi from the house tom daschle from the senate take a crack at what everyone agrees from both parties is in the unenviable chore of trying to respond to the president's state of the union address when he stands before this enormous audience from both houses in the majesty of the house chamber and delivers this official address that is envisioned i think in the constitution and then of course there is this response delivered in a largely empty room to television cameras by members of the opposition at not nearly as great length and without nearly the trappings and the response evident in the room it is not an easy task pelosi and daschle had a go at it painting a quite different vision of the country than the one described by the president it is also a tricky job because you have to say that yes the state of the union is strong and so on and you have to praise the president's goals after all their commendable goals and then go on to make the point that he's not anywhere near meeting them and your programs are well tough job well uh look the democrats or the uh opposition party is always at a disadvantage here the president's at the you know the house chamber and then all his uh cohorts in his party are standing up and these guys look ridiculous they're sitting as that as the opposition party always does you know sitting apart from each other they had a fireplace um i guess they did all right but i

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um i guess they did all right but i think nancy pelosi in particular said a couple of uh amazing things one is that america must be a light to the world not just a missile what does that mean i'm not quite sure but i think he must have reflected the fact that we are we are displaying our military might in iraq and afghanistan and perhaps elsewhere is that right okay good i'm glad you clarified that and then she said as much as any time in my memory the future of our country and our children is at stake well i think she was alive in world war ii and maybe during the cold war and the korean war and the vietnam war uh i think we're i think our future the future of our country is not quite as at stake now uh as it was in those areas well i mean you would agree that we are at war with terrorists who are attempting to acquire weapons of mass destruction uh except during the cold war when the russians threatened us with weapons of mass destruction this is as perilous of time as as we've ever faced i think about world war ii well fred fred look you can't have it both ways you can't say that the democrats are treating this as a as a criminal problem uh when it's a war on terrorism it is a war on terrorism and we are and we are ministering all right just let me let me finish i mean the the uh the democrats have appropriated now a term the opportunity society first i think uh originated by newt gingrich who you know had a group called the the opportunity conservative opportunity society right and uh in the house right yeah yeah and this uh stan greenberg who's just published a new book about how the democrats can break out of the uh the the mire that they're in uh is saying that that the democrats should be opportunity society democrats and so this was the kind of a laundry list of what they think uh we need to do which includes health insurance yeah i think america should be a missile i don't like the world i like that image you know flying around um you know i since we just came back from iowa john kerry and john edwards to take two the two i guess two of the leading democratic presidential candidates give a pretty good speech actually and if you're a democrat maybe even if you're an independent uh or a

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you're an independent uh or a liberal republican you could be half convinced by it that george bush has done a bad job in all sorts of ways these congressional leaders did not do that i think they they did their duty i guess it's an impossible situation i guess i would say republicans shouldn't be fooled that this is the quality of the rhetoric and the quality of the opposition they're going to get in the real election year well let's talk about and talk to another congressional leader democratic senator john bro of louisiana joins us now from statuary hall senator good evening welcome to you good evening rhett give me here give me your capsule reaction to the state of the union address you heard tonight in the chamber brett i don't know if you found uh felt the same way i thought it was relatively uh a mild speech i mean i thought that it was sort of understated he spent about half of it talking about iraq and national security i think he needed to do that he talked about some things that we all know is not going to happen like making the tax cut permanent uh getting the

uninsured covered this year is not going to happen although he outlined a plan to do that and whatever happened to mars i thought we were going to have to hear something about mars tonight we never heard that i thought it was a relatively uh low uh in tone i think it was well received by by the congress and uh the outlines of things that might get get started in this congress well what did you did you hear anything among the initiatives that he proposed that you think could pass yeah i thought one that was a new idea brett was the idea about doing something for prisoners who get out of prison and now go right back in within a matter of weeks or a matter of months i think that's something you could have bipartisan support for it's a real serious problem for this country and i thought it was received by both sides of the aisle quite well did you sense that this president well obviously he didn't do it in any direct sense tonight is kind of raring to go uh to get on the campaign trail and rebut his critics and who have been out having kind of a clear shot at him now for several months brett i don't think we heard that tonight i mean i thought it was that's what i was saying he didn't do it he didn't do it tonight i thought it was sort of a low-key speech in a political year i thought maybe he's trying to be presidential which is certainly the proper way to handle it

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proper way to handle it but it was sort of a low-key speech it wasn't really a political speech i think he gave us a state of the nation as far as the military was concerned came out with a couple of new ideas but uh nothing really high risk let me see if i can draw you out on the event of the events of last night and and perhaps today uh the democratic race seems to have been it seems locked in place for so long seems now to be uh scrambled and and then the prize very much up for grabs and there's been a tremendous amount of talk today not only about the fact that howard dean finished so far below what had been expected but his reaction to it in a very energetic uh speech to his followers last night in iowa what did you make of all that well i think the angry people in our party may be coming to their senses in the sense that i think howard dean was the angriest of all the candidates and i think that that caught on in the beginning but i think he it slipped and they deserted him and they went to a more reasoned approach certainly a john edwards as it was a candidate of hope and optimism out there it wasn't that critical of the his fellow can uh campaigners and i think john kerry uh sort of uh came out ahead because of his experience his maturity and i think that that type of positive campaign is all also always going to win in the end ultimately do you uh you sense that the dean's moment may now have passed i think it has i mean i think people just don't want an angry candidate who tends to lose his temper but rather one that they could trust the management of this country with and uh no matter what people might say about you you need a cool calm and collected leader and i think he showed that perhaps he doesn't meet that criteria all right senator bro it's always good to talk to you thank you very much thanks very much for taking the time thank you you bet uh interesting comments from senator bro on the political situation well they were mildly worried but i think it was a very strong criticism of the howard dean saying his his time has come and passed obituary i would say you know declared him practically dead well of

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declared him practically dead well of course it's not i guess with all the endorsements that came from members of congress and of course at the time of the iowa as our caucuses got underway out there uh dean actually had more congressional endorsements than anyone else i think they'll be claiming yeah including dick gephardt i think more now will come and the question of course is whether dean will get any more of them after well it's going to be interesting to see whether any of them flake off probably not but you you'd think that there were a lot of people who were who were deeply disappointed by the performance let's go back to statuary hall where our colleague brian wilson is standing with the house majority leader tom delay brian that's right tom delaine i've been talking and he said that just before we came on the air you were surprised at how direct the president was you thought he he didn't parse his words too much well i think he's heard a lot of criticism and attacks from the democrats and uh he answered those ret those attacks and and it hit them right between the eye i thought it was very exciting i was very excited about the president standing up for why we're in iraq uh and and then talking about uh uh exporting democracy and and the economy and and certainly protecting the american family it's uh it was i i was very pleased was there any surprise in there for you did you raise an eyebrow and say wow i didn't expect him to say that well i'll tell you when when he

said you fool around with medicare and i'll veto it that was i haven't seen a president be so direct before um i i was very surprised that that he spent so much time on on iraq and and the war on terror to really establish why we're doing what we're doing and all the successes that we've been able to have now he laid out a pretty aggressive agenda for congress things he'd like to see accomplished and that of course falls on your shoulders to see if you can make that happen can you make the tax cuts permanent for example well i i think we're going to give it a shot that we've been able to pass in the house tax cuts every year for 10 years we're getting pretty used to it so i think we'll get it out of the house for

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think we'll get it out of the house for sure it'll be pretty tough getting it through the senate but i think if the american people don't want their taxes raised by by eliminating the child tax credit or going back and penalizing people for being married or raising their marginal income tax rates then they'll contact their senators and we'll get it through the senate all right thank you much majority leader tom delay thanks for dropping by here today as he points out the house does usually support the president across the board the more difficult road aho is in the senate brett back to you brian thank hill and the senate majority leader who is with our brian wilson brian thank you we talked to the majority leader of the house a moment ago and now we have the majority leader of the senate the president laid out a very aggressive agenda that he'd like to see congress accomplish this year that falls on your shoulders you're the man who has to make it happen and and in the senate the the rowing is pretty tough sometimes can you do some of the things the president wants to get accomplished this year brian we will and one of the great things one of the real privileges of being in the united states and it being a majority leader of the senate is that this president paints a vision and it's up to us to complete that portrait and he did it with hiv aids funding in the state of the union last year 15 billion dollars here we are a year later and we've delivered on that 15 billion dollar commitment to fight global hiv aids last year he talked about medicare and prescription drugs politicians been talking about it for years campaigns democrats and republicans this president called for it sure enough a year later we delivered prescription drug coverage for 40 million seniors now this year we're gonna have to do exactly the same thing when the president talked about the uninsured the cost of health care today it is the number one problem that we're facing he laid out an agenda he said let's help people refundable tax credits put association health plans we'll take it to the floor of the senate we'll do our best to pass sounding optimistic there but i i want to ask you one other question and that is were there any surprises in this speech for you do you hear anything that just caught you and you went wow i didn't expect that well the things that i certainly did not expect things like the steroids the drugs the athletes the transition from prisons all of which

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the transition from prisons all of which are very important a lot all of which clearly mean a lot to him and they fill that whole category of compassion of caring doing the unexpected a little bit like hiv aids was unexpected last year senator frist thank you so much for joining us great to be with you right back to you thank you very much brian thank you senator frist we got to take a brief break we'll be back final thoughts on state of the union tonight and the beginning in the final stretch of the new hampshire primary as well first fred barnes uh i kind of agreed with john bro the senator from louisiana who said you know this really didn't signal the start of the president's campaign it was a defense of his policies and and not even a particularly spirited one uh the difference that you will know when the bush campaign begins it's going to produce shock and awe because bush has so much money to spend on ads he will mobilize so many people he will send out so many surrogates uh it will be quite different and it hasn't started yet yeah i thought this uh this speech was written uh with the president thinking that uh the election campaign was going to be easy that howard dean was going to be the opponent that he didn't have to stretch very far that you didn't have to reach out very much to to moderate voters i mean there was nothing there was no no there was nothing i mean very little compassionate conservatism in this to reach out to swing voters compassionate conservatives as defined by you means lots of new programs right lots of new government programs with the kind of democracy there was there was there was there was the immigration reform had been announced previously that's that's something and i guess taking care of prisoners when they get out of when they get out of prison show some

compassion but health care insurance is the issue though our democrats are going to make all right good going bill i thought the president's speech was the second most interesting speech of the week couldn't compete with governor dean's non-concession concession speech last night i wonder the president has kind of a mischievous sense of humor i wonder if it crossed his mind to end with a quick recitation of all the states and the final yeah that would have livened up the state of the union all right that is about it for us one thing we want to mention the program

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thing we want to mention the program note is on thursday evening in new hampshire a debate among the democratic candidates candidates i will moderate it will be right here on the fox news channel in the meantime that's it for us stay tuned for hannity and combs and following that show on the record with greta van susteren i'm britt hume fox news washington thanks

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